

forward a plan I have long had
 in contemplation for the publication
 of a quarterly octavo Journal of
 the Linnean Society - the Zoology
 and Botany separable as in the
 Annales de Sciences Naturelles - If
 we succeed in carrying the measure
 and if Hooker & myself edit the
 Botany - (we have promises of good
 editors for the zoology) we shall rely
 upon you to procure us some
 subscribers in the U.S. for the Botany
 the Zoology or both

I have been much occupied with
 the Cambridge Herbarium & also as
 usual pottering at Leguminosae but I
 do not get through work here at Portraits

A Snow has been very unwell
 with cough etc but is better again
 and I hope is getting quite over it. The
 Hooker remarkably well

With kindest remembrance to Mr
 Gray Ever yours sincerely
 George Donnan

April 27 1855
 I believe I acknowledge with thanks
 for your most valuable notice on the Am. Egg
 Egg plants - but I have been so put out that
 I know not to return or what I have written
 the last two weeks.
 My dear Gray

I feel so much advanced in
 taking up the pen to write to you that
 I really can scarcely muster courage
 to do it now. the fact is that since
 I have left our quiet comfortable
 home at Portraits I have almost
 dropped all correspondence. We are
 however going on very well in the
 point the most important for me
 Mr Beutham's health & spirits nothing
 could be better. We have spent the
 winter in a very nice lodging in
 Belgavia near many of my wife's
 friends and I have been every day
 (missing perhaps one in two or three
 weeks) to Kew where I get about six
 hour work. In the winter I distribute

a batch of Sprengel's plants, consisting
of *Sau Gabriel*, ^{and} *Rio Uruguay* plants
from *Monopetalae* to the end. Your
parcel contains 270 sp. It is being
put up with your set of *Hooker*
& *Thomson's* first batch of *E. Indian*
plants. I have also added two new
sports of *Peritonia's Micallanca*
Botanica which you subscribed to
half a dozen copies of my *Plantae*
Hartwegianae and a paper I wrote
for the *Hort Journal* on the origin
of some cultivated plants being a
commented abstract of an Italian
work of *Nazioni's* together. I owe you
for the paper forgotten over I
received more than a year ago
but I cannot find out how much
it is. If you will kindly let me
know I will make out on account

~~expense~~ and send it you. The
balance I suppose will be against
you but not much.

I have several more boxes
from Sprengel but have not yet
had time to set about them.

We think of spending the
month of June in Paris then
to visit friends in the country
for two or three months and in
Sept or Oct we hope to settle ourselves
in a flat we have taken in the
new Victoria Street Westminster
In the meantime letters addressed
to Kew will always reach me
The necessity of reform and
renewal of activity in our Linnæan
Society is now so much felt that
Mr. Hooker has taken up the matter
with his usual energy and has brought